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May Jobless Rates Increase Seasonally in Most of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets

Lansing – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates rose in 14 of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas in May, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels increased seasonally in all 17 regions over the month.

"May unemployment rate increases throughout much of the state reflected a larger-than-normal influx of workers into Michigan's local labor markets," said Michael Williams, acting director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "While many individuals did find seasonal jobs in May, not all found employment."

From April to May, regional jobless rate advances ranged from 0.1 to 0.9 of a percentage point with a median increase of 0.7 of a percentage point. The most pronounced over-the-month rate gain of 0.9 of a percentage point was posted in the Monroe Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), while the next largest rate upturn of 0.8 of a percentage point was recorded in both the Ann Arbor and Jackson MSAs. Unemployment rates fell seasonally in Michigan's three northernmost labor market regions. The rates in the Northeast and Northwest Lower Michigan regions dropped by 1.0 and 0.6 percentage points respectively. The jobless rate in the Upper Peninsula edged downward by 0.3 of a percentage point over the month. In May, 16 of the 17 major Michigan labor market regions registered unemployment rates below 10.0 percent.

Jobless Rates Little Changed Over Year

From May 2012 to May 2013, jobless rates edged upward in nine areas and declined slightly in five. Over-the-year rate hikes averaged only 0.3 of a percentage point while decreases were 0.2 of a percentage point or less. The exception to this moderate pattern since May 2012 was the substantial 1.1 percentage point jobless rate reduction in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA. Rates were unchanged over the year in three areas.

Total Employment Up Over Month, Year

Over the month, total employment rose in all 17 regions with a significant median advance of 1.7 percent. The largest percentage gains occurred in the state's three northernmost labor market regions, with a combined employment increase of over 15,000 as hiring ramped up for the summer tourism season. From April to May, seven Michigan areas displayed total employment growth of around 2.0 percent or above.

Since May 2012, total employment rose in 15 areas, showing a substantial median gain of 1.7 percent. The largest over-the-year increases of around 3.5 percent or higher were posted in the Holland-Grand Haven, Muskegon-Norton Shores and Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSAs. Total employment displayed little change over the year in the Saginaw-Saginaw Township North MSA and the Niles-Benton Harbor MSA.

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Labor Force Levels Grow Over Month, Year

In May, labor force levels rose seasonally in all 17 areas with a larger-than-normal median advance of 2.3 percent. The typical seasonal gain for all areas in Michigan from April to May over the prior ten years was 1.4 percent.

From May 2012 to May 2013, labor force levels grew in 16 regions. The median increase in the 16 areas over the year was 1.5 percent. The workforce level in the Niles-Benton Harbor MSA was essentially unchanged since May 2012.

Tourism-Related Jobs Help Drive May Payroll Jobs Upward

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 70,000 or 1.7 percent in May to 4,114,000. May job gains were primarily seasonal and led by a 29,000 jump in leisure and hospitality services. Other large job advances were posted in construction (+16,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+14,000), and professional and business services (+14,000). The state's remaining industry sectors were mostly positive or flat in May with the exception of a 16,000 seasonal decline in government education jobs and a 5,000 job reduction in private education.

The decline in government jobs was mainly recorded in state government education due to the end of the winter/spring semester at some of the state's colleges and universities. The majority of the trade, transportation and utilities job increase took place in retail trade.

Payroll jobs rose in 13 of the state's 14 metropolitan regions in May with an average increase of 1.2 percent. The leading over-the-month percentage gain of 2.3 percent was displayed in both the Grand Rapids-Wyoming and Muskegon-Norton Shores MSAs. The only May overall seasonal job decline was recorded in the Ann Arbor MSA.

From May 2012 to May 2013, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs increased statewide by 56,000 or 1.4 percent. Over-the-year job gains were broad-based throughout the state's various industry sectors and were led by advances in manufacturing (+18,000), leisure and hospitality services (+15,000), education and health services (+10,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+9,000), and professional and business services (+8,000). Government (-8,000) registered the only significant decline over this period.

Since May 2012, payroll job changes were mixed throughout the state's metropolitan regions with eight areas recording gains, four regions showing declines, and two areas reporting essentially no change.

County Jobless Rates Mixed Over Month, Year

Forty-two of Michigan's 83 counties recorded unemployment rate increases in May, while 38 counties posted declines. Jobless rate changes were moderate over the month, while the rates in three counties were unchanged. Declining jobless rates in May mostly occurred in northern Michigan.

From May 2012 to May 2013, jobless rates rose in 51 counties, fell in 26 and were unchanged in six. Most county unemployment rate changes were minor over the year.

*Note: Data in this release is **not seasonally adjusted**. As a result, employment and unemployment trends may differ from previously released Michigan seasonally adjusted data.*

A breakdown of seasonally unadjusted May workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for May.

Note to Editors: Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."

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	<u>May-12</u>	<u>Apr-13</u>	<u>May-13</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	182,400	185,000	187,400	1.3%	2.7%
Total Employment	171,700	175,600	176,300	0.4%	2.7%
Unemployment	10,700	9,400	11,100	18.1%	3.7%
Rate (percent)	5.9	5.1	5.9		

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BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	64,200	63,600	65,300	2.7%	1.7%
Total Employment	59,500	59,500	60,500	1.7%	1.7%
Unemployment	4,800	4,200	4,700	11.9%	-2.1%
Rate (percent)	7.4	6.6	7.3		

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BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	52,000	51,400	52,400	1.9%	0.8%
Total Employment	47,600	47,000	47,700	1.5%	0.2%
Unemployment	4,400	4,400	4,600	4.5%	4.5%
Rate (percent)	8.5	8.5	8.9		

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DETROIT-WARREN-LIVONIA MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,001	1,974	2,009	1.8%	0.4%
Total Employment	1,798	1,798	1,828	1.7%	1.7%
Unemployment	203	176	181	2.8%	-10.8%
Rate (percent)	10.1	8.9	9.0		

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FLINT MSA (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	185,100	185,300	189,600	2.3%	2.4%
Total Employment	168,000	168,900	171,800	1.7%	2.3%
Unemployment	17,100	16,400	17,800	8.5%	4.1%
Rate (percent)	9.3	8.8	9.4		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA					
(Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	396,400	395,300	409,100	3.5%	3.2%
Total Employment	369,900	371,900	382,600	2.9%	3.4%
Unemployment	26,500	23,400	26,500	13.2%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	6.7	5.9	6.5		

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HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA					
(Ottawa County)					
Civilian Labor Force	130,300	131,300	134,900	2.7%	3.5%
Total Employment	121,500	123,500	126,100	2.1%	3.8%
Unemployment	8,900	7,700	8,800	14.3%	-1.1%
Rate (percent)	6.8	5.9	6.6		

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JACKSON MSA					
(Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	71,100	70,100	71,600	2.1%	0.7%
Total Employment	65,100	64,500	65,400	1.4%	0.5%
Unemployment	6,000	5,600	6,200	10.7%	3.3%
Rate (percent)	8.4	7.9	8.7		

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA					
(Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	160,700	160,000	163,100	1.9%	1.5%
Total Employment	148,400	149,200	151,100	1.3%	1.8%
Unemployment	12,200	10,800	12,000	11.1%	-1.6%
Rate (percent)	7.6	6.7	7.4		

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA					
(Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	237,000	234,200	238,700	1.9%	0.7%
Total Employment	220,000	217,900	220,900	1.4%	0.4%
Unemployment	17,000	16,400	17,800	8.5%	4.7%
Rate (percent)	7.2	7.0	7.4		

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MONROE MSA (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	69,700	68,900	70,800	2.8%	1.6%
Total Employment	64,200	63,800	65,000	1.9%	1.2%
Unemployment	5,600	5,000	5,800	16.0%	3.6%
Rate (percent)	8.0	7.3	8.2		

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MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	83,300	84,000	86,500	3.0%	3.8%
Total Employment	76,100	77,100	79,000	2.5%	3.8%
Unemployment	7,300	6,800	7,500	10.3%	2.7%
Rate (percent)	8.7	8.1	8.7		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	72,900	71,100	72,900	2.5%	0.0%
Total Employment	66,400	65,300	66,400	1.7%	0.0%
Unemployment	6,500	5,800	6,500	12.1%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	8.9	8.2	8.9		

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SAGINAW-Saginaw Township North MSA (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	90,500	88,900	90,800	2.1%	0.3%
Total Employment	82,800	81,500	82,700	1.5%	-0.1%
Unemployment	7,700	7,400	8,100	9.5%	5.2%
Rate (percent)	8.5	8.3	8.9		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	145,700	144,200	147,300	2.1%	1.1%
Total Employment	132,700	130,100	133,300	2.5%	0.5%
Unemployment	13,000	14,100	14,000	-0.7%	7.7%
Rate (percent)	8.9	9.8	9.5		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	86,300	82,500	86,800	5.2%	0.6%
Total Employment	77,300	72,700	77,500	6.6%	0.3%
Unemployment	9,000	9,800	9,400	-4.1%	4.4%
Rate (percent)	10.5	11.8	10.8		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	145,500	140,800	147,700	4.9%	1.5%
Total Employment	132,000	126,800	134,000	5.7%	1.5%
Unemployment	13,400	14,000	13,800	-1.4%	3.0%
Rate (percent)	9.2	9.9	9.3		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,671	4,619	4,724	2.3%	1.1%
Total Employment	4,255	4,242	4,325	2.0%	1.6%
Unemployment	416	377	399	5.8%	-4.1%
Rate (percent)	8.9	8.2	8.4		

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Note:

The table above contains **seasonally unadjusted** data for Michigan for 2013 and 2012, which should be used in comparison with data for Michigan regions or counties.

DTMB released earlier the **seasonally adjusted** May 2013 unemployment rate for Michigan (8.4 percent), which is best used for:

- Identifying recent Michigan workforce trends
- Conducting comparisons with unemployment rates for the U.S. and other states

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MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MAY 2013

1	Barry County	5.6	43	Missaukee County	9.3
2	Washtenaw County	5.9	44	Delta County	9.4
3	Mackinac County	6.1	45	Genesee County	9.4
4	Cass County	6.2	46	Benzie County	9.5
5	Clinton County	6.3	47	Crawford County	9.7
6	Kent County	6.4	48	Hillsdale County	9.7
7	Eaton County	6.5	49	Mecosta County	9.7
8	Leelanau County	6.6	50	St. Clair County	9.7
9	Menominee County	6.6	51	Iron County	9.8
10	Ottawa County	6.6	52	Antrim County	10.0
11	Allegan County	6.8	53	Manistee County	10.1
12	Isabella County	7.1	54	Sanilac County	10.1
13	Kalamazoo County	7.1	55	Wayne County	10.1
14	Livingston County	7.2	56	Houghton County	10.2
15	Calhoun County	7.3	57	Osceola County	10.2
16	Midland County	7.3	58	Tuscola County	10.2
17	Cheboygan County	7.5	59	Otsego County	10.3
18	Grand Traverse County	7.5	60	Ogemaw County	10.5
19	Dickinson County	7.7	61	Alger County	10.7
20	Ionia County	7.7	62	Charlevoix County	10.7
21	Newaygo County	7.7	63	Iosco County	10.7
22	St. Joseph County	7.7	64	Luce County	10.7
23	Oakland County	7.8	65	Montcalm County	10.7
24	Ingham County	8.1	66	Oceana County	10.8
25	Monroe County	8.2	67	Chippewa County	11.0
26	Van Buren County	8.2	68	Emmet County	11.4
27	Branch County	8.4	69	Gogebic County	11.5
28	Huron County	8.5	70	Clare County	11.6
29	Mason County	8.5	71	Arenac County	11.8
30	Marquette County	8.6	72	Roscommon County	12.0
31	Jackson County	8.7	73	Wexford County	12.3
32	Macomb County	8.7	74	Gladwin County	12.4
33	Muskegon County	8.7	75	Presque Isle County	12.6
34	Lenawee County	8.8	76	Schoolcraft County	12.6
35	Bay County	8.9	77	Lake County	12.8
36	Berrien County	8.9	78	Keweenaw County	14.5
37	Saginaw County	8.9	79	Montmorency County	14.7
38	Lapeer County	9.0	80	Oscoda County	14.8
39	Shiawassee County	9.2	81	Ontonagon County	15.3
40	Alpena County	9.3	82	Alcona County	15.6
41	Gratiot County	9.3	83	Baraga County	17.6
42	Kalkaska County	9.3			

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